

the skeleton of a *Phalacrocorax macropus* having come into the possession of science.

Finding this bird in Montana will prove, up to date, that it probably was an abundant species during Pleistocene time and earlier, ranging over a considerable portion of the northwestern section of Middle North America, or at least that portion of this continent now so named.

No little interest also attaches to the fact of finding these remains associated with the fossil bones of a highly specialized teleostean fish, if fish it be, which lived during the same era that this extinct cormorant described by Cope did.

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## THIRTY-THIRD STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

BY JOHN HALL SAGE.

THE Thirty-third Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in San Francisco, Cal., Monday evening, May 17, 1915. The business meeting was held at the California Academy of Sciences, and the public sessions, commencing Tuesday, May 18, and lasting three days, were held in the Auditoriums of the Young Women's Christian Association and of the Eiler Musical Company, within the Exposition Grounds.

BUSINESS SESSION. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Albert K. Fisher. Eleven Fellows were present. The Secretary's report gave the membership of the Union at the opening of the present Stated Meeting as 1156, constituted as follows: Fellows, 50; Retired Fellows, 3; Honorary Fellows, 13; Corresponding Fellows, 56; Members, 79; Associates, 955.

Since the last meeting (April, 1914) the Union lost fifty-four members, nine by death, eighteen by resignation, and twenty-seven for non-payment of dues. The deceased were:

Dr. Theodore Nicholas Gill,<sup>1</sup> a Retired Fellow, who died in Washington, D. C., September 25, 1914, in his 78th year; Graf Hans von Berlepsch, an Honorary Fellow, who died February, 27, 1915; Otto Herman, of Budapest, Hungary, a Corresponding Fellow, who died December 27, 1914; and the following Associates: Mrs. Clara E. Buxbaum, who died in Chicago, Illinois, March 23, 1914; William Bardwell Burke, who died at Rochester, New York, April 15, 1914; William Charlesworth Levy, who died at Alton Bay, N. H., July 5, 1914, aged 26 years; William Foreacre Brantley, of Blackshear, Ga., who died September 9, 1914; Prof. Lewis Lindsay Dyche, of Pratt, Kansas, who died January 20, 1915, at the age of 58 years, and Harry Kirkland Pomeroy,<sup>2</sup> who died in Kalamazoo, Mich., January 27, 1915, in the 50th year of his age.

The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in a satisfactory condition.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: Albert K. Fisher, President; Henry W. Henshaw and Witner Stone, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Jr., Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, Joseph Grinnell, Frederic A. Lucas, Wilfred H. Osgood, Chas. W. Richmond, and Thos. S. Roberts, members of the Council.

Dr. Emilia Snethlage, of the Museu Goeldi, Pará, Brazil, was elected a Corresponding Fellow; Edwin R. Kalmbach, and the Hon. George Shiras, 3d, of Washington, D. C., were elected to the class of Members, and the following sixty-eight persons were elected Associates:

E. M. Anderson, Provincial Museum, Victoria, B. C.

Miss Mary Adeline Ayres, Medford, Mass.

Merle Taft Barker, Taunton, Mass.

C. Stanley Benson, North Abington, Mass.

Ralph Benton, Los Angeles, Cal.

Wolfrid Rudyerd Boulton, Jr., Beaver, Pa.

W. C. Bradbury, Denver, Colo.

Herbert William Brandt, Cleveland, Ohio.

Maurice Graham Brooks, French Creek, W. Va.

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<sup>1</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXXII, pp. 139-140; also Memorial Address in the present number.

<sup>2</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Auk*, XXXII, p. 386.

Ronald K. Brown, New York City, N. Y.  
Mrs. Florence Buckwalter, Union, Miss.  
Clarence H. Bush, DeKalb, Ills.  
Charles Edgar Conklin, Roslyn, N. Y.  
Hugh Conn, Cochrane, Ont.  
Frederick W. Cook, Seattle, Wash.  
Miss May Thacher Cooke, Washington, D. C.  
Chas. P. Curtis, Boston, Mass.  
Lewis Dexter, Manchester, N. H.  
Eric B. Dunlop, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Russell Errett, Terrace Park, Ohio.  
Erik Fries, Montclair, N. J.  
Charles Gleason, Brookline, Mass.  
Ralph Mather Harrington, Cambridge, Mass.  
Arthur Thacher Hinckley, Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Wharton Huber, Gwynedd Valley, Pa.  
Miss Dorothy C. Hunt, New York City.  
Mrs. Edwin H. Husher, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Roland Fountain Hussey, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
H. H. Kopman, New Orleans, La.  
John Edward Harry Kelso, M. D., Edgewood, B. C.  
Leslie W. Lake, Hamburg, N. Y.  
John L. Lawrence, Lawrence, N. Y.  
Mrs. William M. Levey, Brookline, Mass.  
Edward G. Lund, Boston, Mass.  
Thomas L. McConnell, McKeesport, Pa.  
Miss Gertrude McDowell, Atlanta, Ga.  
James Latimer McLane, Jr., Garrison P. O., Md.  
Edward Sidney Marks, Arlington, N. J.  
Jesse C. A. Meeker, Danbury, Conn.  
Samuel W. Mellott, Chevy Chase, Md.  
Miss Bertha Stuart Miller, Palisade, N. J.  
William Henry Mousley, Hatley, Quebec.  
Alva Morrison, Braintree, Mass.  
Prof. William H. Munson, Winona, Minn.  
Dr. I. D. Nokes, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Neill Pennell Overman, East Orange, N. J.  
Lloyd Peabody, St. Paul, Minn.  
Arthur Wellesley Perkins, Farmington, Maine.  
G. Planton Middleton, Philadelphia, Pa.  
James C. Quiggle, Washington, D. C.  
Harvey Darell Radetsky, Denver, Col.  
Mrs. A. A. Saunders, New York City.  
Edmund Joseph Sawyer, Watertown, N. Y.  
Chas. F. Schermerhorn, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Chas. P. Shoffner, Philadelphia, Pa.

O. P. Silliman, Castroville, Cal.  
Napier Smith, Montreal, Canada.  
Theodore L. Squire, Battle Creek, Mich.  
F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.  
Mrs. Phillip B. Stewart, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Phillip B. Stewart, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Francis Thomas Sujak, Chicago, Ill.  
Henry H. Townshend, New Haven, Conn.  
Dix Teachenor, Lawrence, Kansas.  
Roy A. Ward, Washington, D. C.  
Belle Williams, Columbia, S. C.  
Lem Williams, Shonkin, Montana.  
Miss Clara Lucretia Willis, Waban, Mass.

Drs. Palmer, Stone, and Richmond, Prof. Cooke, and Ruthven Deane, were appointed 'Committee on Biography and Bibliography.'

The amendments to the By-Laws, proposed at the last Stated Meeting of the Union, were unanimously adopted. Members will hereafter share with Fellows the business of the Union and the election of Officers, Members and Associates.

PUBLIC SESSIONS. *First Day.* The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Fisher.

The papers of the morning were as follows:

'Notes on the Life-History of Penguins, with Special Reference to the Origin of Certain Instincts,' by Robert Cushman Murphy. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Oregon Bird Life in Motion Pictures,' by William L. Finley.

The following papers were presented at the afternoon session which was held at the Auditorium of the Eiler Musical Company, in the Palace of Liberal Arts.

'Philadelphia to the Coast in Early Days, and the Development of Western Ornithology prior to 1850,' by Dr. Witmer Stone.

'In Memoriam — Theodore Nicholas Gill,' by Dr. T. S. Palmer.

'The Migration of Albatrosses and Petrels,' by Leveritt Mills Loomis. Remarks followed by Dr. Palmer, Messrs. Murphy and Nichols, and the author.

'A Late Nesting Record for the California Woodpecker,' by Mrs. Harriet Williams Myers.

'The Average Age of the Herring Gull,' by John Treadwell Nichols.

In the evening the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club and the A. O. U., with their friends, met at dinner at the Clift Hotel — fifty persons being present.

*Second Day.* The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Stone.

The papers of the morning session were:

‘Some Breeding Birds of the Grand Canyon,’ by Dr. T. S. Palmer.

‘Immature Plumages,’ by Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr. Remarks followed by Mr. Loomis, the author, and the Chair.

‘The Shore Birds of California,’ by William Leon Dawson. Illustrated by lantern slides.

The noon-day luncheon was served at the Chop Suey Restaurant in the Food Products Building, within the Exposition Grounds.

At the afternoon session Joseph Mailliard, President of the Cooper Ornithological Club, occupied the Chair. The following papers were presented:

‘Exhibition of the Salisbury Wild Life Motion Pictures,’ by Dr. Harold C. Bryant.

‘Farallon Island Bird Life, in Motion Picture,’ by P. J. Fair.

‘Niche of the California Thrasher,’ by Dr. Joseph Grinnell. Remarks followed by Dr. Palmer, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Dawson, and the author.

*Third Day.* The meeting was called to order by President Fisher.

The papers of the session were:

‘The Genus Problem in Present Day Nomenclature,’ by Dr. Witmer Stone.

‘The Work of the National Association of Audubon Societies,’ by T. Gilbert Pearson.

‘Two Characteristic California Waders: The Black-necked Stilt and the Snowy Plover,’ by Tracy I. Storer. Illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks followed by Messrs. Murphy, Dawson, and Joseph Mailliard.

‘Food Habits of the Road-runner, *Geococcyx californicus*,’ by Dr. Harold C. Bryant. Illustrated by lantern slides.

In the absence of the authors the following papers were read by title:

‘The Pacific Coast Races of *Thryomanes bewicki*,’ by Harry C. Swarth.

'History of the Bohemian Waxwing in Northern British Columbia,' by Ernest M. Anderson.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Young Women's Christian Association and the Eiler Musical Company for the use of their auditoriums for a place of meeting, and for other courtesies extended; to Mr. J. Eugene Law and other members of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club for generous hospitality and courtesies extended to the eastern members of the Union and their friends, during their stay in Los Angeles; to the Local Committee of the A. O. U., and the members of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club for generous hospitality and many courtesies extended to the Union during its Thirty-third Stated Meeting; and to the United States Bureau of Fisheries for the use of the steamer "Albatross" for a trip about San Francisco Bay and around the Golden Gate.

The Stated Meeting just closed was the first regular meeting ever held on the Pacific Coast, and it will be remembered by those in attendance as one of the most successful in the history of the Union.

On Friday, May 21, after adjournment of the Union, some seventy-five members of the California Academy of Sciences, the Cooper Ornithological Club, and the A. O. U., enjoyed a trip about San Francisco Bay and around the Golden Gate on the U. S. Fish Commission Steamer "Albatross." Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Director of the California Academy of Sciences, acted as host. The same day other members of the Union visited Mt. Tamalpais and the Muir woods.

Later in the month many of the eastern members were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. C. Hart Merriam at their attractive summer home in Lagunitas.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Philadelphia in 1916, the date to be determined by the local committee.

JOHN H. SAGE,  
*Secretary.*